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Synopsis

On April 11, 1986, at Miami, Florida, SAs of the Miami Division attempted to apprehend two suspects responsible for a series of armed bank and armored car robberies. In the attempted apprehension, the subjects William R. Matix and Michael Lee Platt opened fire on SAs. In the ensuing gunfight, SAs Benjamin P. Grogan and Jerry Dove were killed. SAs Edmundo Mireles, Jr., John F. Hanlon, Jr. and Supervisory Special Agent Gordon G. McNeill received serious wounds and SAs Gilbert M. Orrantia and Richard A. Manauzzi received minor wounds. The remaining Agent in the gunfight, SA Ronald G. Risner, was unharmed. Both subjects were killed by fire of SAs. No civilians were hit either by Agents' fire or by fire from the subjects. Some property damage was done to neighboring residences and vehicles. Best estimates are that approximately 145 shots were fired in this exchange of gunfire.

Since October, 1985, the Miami Division had been attempting to identify, locate and apprehend two unknown subjects responsible for a series of five bank and armored car robberies. During two of these robberies, the unknown subjects opened fire and wounded armored car personnel. The last in this series of robberies occurred on March 19, 1986, in Southwest Miami, Florida. All of the robberies had taken place in the same geographical area of Southwest Miami. Agents of the C-1 Squad (reactive squad) of the Miami Division had conducted surveillances on two separate occasions in this area in an attempt to locate and apprehend these robbers.

INSPECTOR'S OBSERVATIONS:

An examination of the facts in this case has determined that there are no legal issues in this incident. The Special Agents (SAs) were acting within their official capacities and all their activities in this incident were legal and proper. The United States Attorney has corroborated this and concurs.

The conduct of the Agents involved in this incident was above reproach. They conducted themselves in a superb fashion and maintained their composure in the face of extreme adversity.

Special attention must be brought to the conduct of SA Edmundo Mireles, Jr. SA Mireles, at the outset of this gunfight, was gravely wounded. From his statement and the statements of others, it is apparent that for a good portion of this incident, he was unconscious or in a semidazed condition. When he regained his senses, he saw his brother Agents on the ground and his first thought was to come to their aid. SA Mireles, utilizing one arm, looked and fired five rounds of 00 buckshot at the subjects, who were attempting to escape in an FBI vehicle. Had they been able to get up this vehicle, they would have run over SA John F. McNeill, Jr., who was lying wounded behind the vehicle. When the shotgun was empty, SA Mireles drew his pistol, advanced under fire on the subjects and shot and killed them. His actions were taken with total disregard for his personal safety and his conduct went far beyond the call of duty. His actions exemplify the highest traditions of the FBI. It is the observation of the Inspector and his entire team that SA Mireles is deserving of the highest award that may be granted.

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It is noted that all of the Agents had been issued, and had with them, protective vests. The investigation has determined that SA Ronald G. Risner placed his protective vest on at the start of this gunfight and that Supervisor Gordon G. McNeill had placed his vest over his head but had not secured the velcro straps. The other Agents were not wearing their vests and the subjects were not wearing vests. Tests reveal the vests issued to Agent personnel would not stop the .223 caliber rounds that were fired by Michael Lee Platt.

During this incident, two Agents lost control of their handguns. SA Richard A. Manauzzi had his revolver lying on the seat next to him and seconds before the car stop was called for, he observed one of the subjects pointing a weapon in the direction of other Agents. He reacted by ramming the subjects' vehicle from the rear and, as a result, his weapon slid off the seat and came to rest between the seat and passenger door, out of his sight. SA Manauzzi was shot by subject William R. Matix with a shotgun just after the vehicles stopped and he exited his vehicle, unarmed, and took cover, which was the only course of action open to him.

SA Hanlon also had a revolver on the seat of his vehicle, which went to the floor during the impact of his vehicle. SA Hanlon was carrying a five-shot, snub-nosed revolver in an ankle holster and he proceeded to the gunfight utilizing this weapon.

Review of FBI radio transcripts concerning this event show that Supervisor McNeill was calling for uniformed, marked vehicles to assist in the car stop of the subjects. Once weapons were observed in the hands of the subjects, case Agent Benjamin P. Grogan called for a felony car stop. Agents on the scene who were SWAT-trained were aware of felony car stop procedures; however, all of the Agents present were not familiar with this procedure. It is noted that the Miami Division, on four occasions during the past year, gave instructions on felony car stops on a voluntary basis; however, only 11 Agents took advantage of these instructions.

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The Agents had all been briefed on the type of individuals they were looking for and were familiar with the crimes that had been committed and the type of weaponry that they might be facing. They had twice before set up in the Southwest Miami area in an attempt to locate the subjects. It is noted that the 14 Agents were covering the areas of four banks over approximately a 60-block area. Office management had been advised of the activities of the squad attempting to apprehend the subjects and Supervisor McNeill was in command on the scene.

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SSA McNeill, Supervisor of this squad, made a decision to conduct a similar-type surveillance on April 11, 1986. A total of 14 SAs of the Miami Division were utilized in this effort including three from the Homestead Resident Agency (RA). During the course of this investigation, the Miami Division had coordinated closely with the Metropolitan-Dade County (Metro-Dade) Police Department, but on this occasion only FBI units were involved in the actual surveillance.

Agents on this assignment were spread out covering at least four separate financial institutions over a 60-block area. At approximately 9:30 a.m., April 11, 1986, SA Grogan advised by radio that he had the subjects under observation. The inquiry team has in its possession a transcription of FBI radio transmissions which thoroughly set out the ensuing surveillance and pursuit of the subjects. [REDACTED]

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Based on the interviews of eye witnesses and the statements of Agent personnel involved, at approximately 9:32 a.m., on Southwest 82nd Avenue, near the intersection of Southwest 122nd Street, Agents made an attempt to stop the subjects. During this attempted stop, FBI vehicles rammed the subjects' vehicle. Laboratory paint examinations show that FBI vehicles also impacted with each other during this attempted stop. The vehicle chase came to an end with the subjects' vehicle facing northbound in the parking area of a front yard at 12201 Southwest 82nd Avenue. The subjects' vehicle was wedged between a parked civilian vehicle, an FBI vehicle and a tree, and flanked by two FBI vehicles. A third FBI vehicle, operated by SAs Hanlon and Mireles, had lost control during the impacts and came to rest against a wall on the west side of 82nd Avenue just south of the area where the subjects' vehicle was stopped. A fourth FBI vehicle operated by SAs Orrantia and Risner arrived on the scene, stopped on the west side of 82nd Avenue just north and west of the impact scene.

As the vehicles came to a halt, SA Manauzzi's vehicle was directly alongside the subjects' vehicle. SA Manauzzi was immediately taken under fire and struck with shotgun pellets in the back and the back of the head. During the crash, SA Manauzzi's gun, which was alongside him on the car seat, was knocked to the floor of the car. SA Manauzzi, wounded and unarmed, exited his vehicle and took shelter behind a wall on the west side of 82nd Avenue. SSA McNeill, who had driven his vehicle against the side of SA Manauzzi's vehicle, fired on the subjects across the hood of SA Manauzzi's vehicle and was, at this point, shot and wounded in the hand. SAs Mireles and Hanlon had exited their vehicle, which had impacted on the wall on the

west side of 82nd Avenue, and crossed the street to assist in the apprehension. They were taken under rifle fire and SA Mireles suffered a severe wound to his left arm and went to the ground to the rear of SSA McNeill's vehicle. SA Hanlon approached the rear of an FBI vehicle operated by SAs Grogan and Dove, which had stopped behind SA Manauzzi's vehicle, slightly to the south and west of the subjects' vehicle. SA Hanlon had lost his service revolver in the impact of his vehicle with other vehicles and impact with the wall, but was armed with a five-shot Smith & Wesson revolver, with which he opened fire on the subjects. While loading, SA Hanlon then suffered wounds from rifle fire and went to the ground. SAs Risner and Orrantia, from across the street to the northwest of the shooting area, opened fire on the subjects. SAs Orrantia and Risner were taken under return fire and SA Orrantia, who was in the driver's seat of his Bureau vehicle, was struck by metal fragments caused by a bullet entering the passenger compartment and shattering the dashboard. SAs Grogan and Dove, who were on the driver's side of their vehicle, were engaged in firing at the subjects. According to witnesses, one of the subjects (not identified as Platt), came around the side of the vehicle from his position of cover, leaned over the trunk of SA Grogan's vehicle and shot and wounded SA Hanlon again and shot and killed SAs Grogan and Dove. At this point, seven of the eight SA personnel were either wounded or out of action. SA Risner continued to fire on the subjects from his position of cover. Both subjects entered SA Grogan's Bureau vehicle with the obvious intention of driving away. It is noted SA Hanlon was lying on the ground, directly behind the vehicle. At this point, SA Mireles, who had been severely wounded and probably dazed, engaged both subjects with his Bureau-issued .12 gauge shotgun. Witnesses stated SA Mireles fired five rounds into the vehicle, putting rounds through the windshield, the driver's side window and the left front fender of the vehicle. SA Mireles then rose to his feet, drew his revolver, walked to the vehicle and shot both occupants with his revolver. Witnesses stated that during this action, the driver fired at least three rounds at SA Mireles with a revolver. The inquiry team also has in its possession an [REDACTED]

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Results of separate FBI forensics examinations are also incorporated in this report. Investigation and results of ballistics examinations have determined that approximately 145 rounds were fired. With the exception of minor wounds to SA Manauzzi by shotgun pellets, all serious wounds inflicted on FBI personnel were caused by Platt firing a Ruger Mini-14 .223 caliber rifle. It is known Platt fired a minimum of 40 rounds

from this weapon. It has been determined that Matix fired one and possibly two loads of #6 shot from a shotgun and each of the subjects fired three rounds from .357 magnum revolvers they were carrying. A chart has been prepared and is part of this report, which shows the rounds fired by each participant in this gunfight, both Agent and subject.

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Signed sworn statements have been obtained from all participants in this incident. A complete neighborhood investigation was conducted and the positive results are incorporated herein. All available background information concerning subjects Matix and Platt collected to date is included. Graphics displaying the sequence of events have been prepared by the Special Exhibits Section, FBI Laboratory, and are also part of this report. In addition, both ground level and aerial photographs are included to illustrate the nature of this occurrence. As an exhibit to this report,

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and the Special Operations and Research Unit, Training Division, has prepared a "mock up" of the event to illustrate the events as they occurred. The United States Attorney, Southern District of Florida, has stated that the Agents involved in this incident acted within the scope of their authority and were engaged in the lawful pursuit of their duties at the time of the gunfight.

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I. SUMMARY OF KNOWN/SUSPECTED PRIOR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OF SUBJECTS IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, AREA AND NARRATIVE OF SHOOTING INCIDENT

Investigation leading to the shooting incident on April 11, 1986, at Miami, Florida, was predicated upon receipt of information identifying a 1979 Chevrolet Monte Carlo vehicle as being used by bank robbery subjects in the robbery of the Barnett Bank, 13593 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida, on March 19, 1986. These subjects (identity unknown at the time) had stolen the 1979 Monte Carlo on March 12, 1986, at Miami, Florida. Investigation between March 19, 1986, and April 11, 1986, of previously unsolved bank robberies/armored car heists in the south Florida area determined that the individuals using this stolen automobile were directly responsible for two armored car robberies, two bank robberies, two attempted homicides and one apparent homicide (victim missing), as well as being suspect in other robbery incidents having similar modus operandi and witness observations. A brief narrative of the robberies attributed to these subjects through investigation up to April 11, 1986, is as follows:

(1) On October 10, 1985, at 12:30 p.m., one assailant with one getaway car driver (possible third passenger in the car) approached a guard of the Wells Fargo Armored Car Service, serving Winn Dixie, Inc., 7930 Southwest 104th Street, Miami, Florida, ordering the guard to "freeze." Simultaneous with this command, the assailant wounded the guard with a blast of 12 gauge 00 buckshot, while the subject(s) in the getaway vehicle fired handgun and shoulder weapons at the armored car couriers. Subjects made getaway without obtaining loot.

(2) On November 8, 1985, at 12:00 noon, two male subjects, wearing masks, entered the lobby of the Professional Savings Bank, 13100 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida, brandished shoulder and handgun weapons, and demanded the surrender of Wells Fargo bags. The subjects obtained a total of \$41,469 from three Wells Fargo Armored Car Company money bags which had been routinely delivered (daily between 11:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.) that morning. The subjects made their getaway in a gold Chevrolet Monte Carlo automobile (see explanation of vehicle recovered in subsequent armored car robbery, January 10, 1986).

(3) On January 10, 1986, at 10:30 a.m., two armed males attacked a Brinks Armored Car Company courier as he opened the back door of his truck at the Barnett Bank, 13593 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida. The attack was initiated by one subject shooting the guard in the back with a large-gauge shotgun (#7 shot load). Both subjects then approached the wounded guard, wherein the second subject shot him two additional times with a

incidents, were carried out by common subjects (exact number unknown). The frequency of the robberies, as well as the relatively confined area of the activity, led to a hypothesis that these subjects would carry out similar-style robberies in the near future and stage these heists in the same neighborhood. Prior to April 11, 1986, the Miami Office increased liaison with armored couriers and area banking officers. Local police departments also increased patrol coverage of institutions in the south Miami area. The Miami Office conducted random surveillances of armored car routes and scheduled deliveries and saturated the suspect area by quadrant assignment of personnel on dates considered probable robbery days. It was in the furtherance of this technique that Agents were assigned surveillance responsibilities in southwest Miami on April 11, 1986.

Based on the information concerning this robbery group, the Reactive Squad (C-1) of the Miami Division formulated a plan to place Agents in the general area of the bank and armored car robberies in southwest Miami, in an attempt to spot the robbers en route to a robbery and apprehend them. Based on a known modus operandi, they selected Fridays as a logical time to activate this plan. Surveillances on two prior occasions had been unsuccessful in locating the subjects. The squad, utilizing 14 Special Agents, under the supervision of SSA Gordon G. McNeill, on April 11, 1986, decided to set up in the area of four banks in the general southwest section of Miami, where all known prior activity was centered. This Special Agent complement included three Resident Agents from the Homestead Resident Agency (RA), since at least one of the robberies had occurred in their territory, which is adjacent to the Headquarters City territory in southwest Miami. All 14 participating Agents had received a briefing and instructions, and all were familiar with the backgrounds of each of the preceding robberies. Investigation in this matter had been closely coordinated with the Metropolitan-Dade County Police Force; however, no local officers participated in the April 11, 1986, surveillance activity.

Vehicles utilized were Bureau cars belonging to the squad and to the Homestead RA, and at least one of these vehicles had radio communications with Metro-Dade County Police radio. The Agents were armed with their sidearms and a number of the Agents had shoulder weapons. SA Edmundo Mireles, Jr., and SSA Gordon G. McNeill both had shotguns in their vehicles. Other Agents on the surveillance who were not involved in the shooting were armed with M-16 rifles and submachine guns. All weapons utilized were Bureau-issued or Bureau-approved weapons and all of the Agents were fully qualified with the weapons in their possession.

military-type .223 caliber shoulder weapon (witness description suggests an AR-15, Mini-14 or M-16 rapid firing rifle). Subjects obtained \$54,000 loot and made their getaway in a 1977 gold-colored Chevrolet Monte Carlo (followed by eye witness and recovered by the FBI) bearing Florida license tag XQU-157. Subjects switched from getaway car to a white Ford pickup truck and witness surveillance was discontinued.

The 1977 Monte Carlo getaway vehicle recovered in this incident had been reported missing at Miami, Florida, since October 4, 1985, from Emilio Briel, age 25, who mysteriously disappeared that day while target shooting at an abandoned rock pit in rural south Dade County (southwest Miami region). Briel's skeletal remains have been located subsequent to the April 11, 1986, shooting, and forensic examination verifies investigators' presumption of homicide. It is also suspected that Briel's .22 caliber rifle, stolen with his automobile, is one of two untraceable firearms located at the residence of subject Michael Lee Platt. One .223 caliber bullet recovered from the above-described Brinks Armored Car Company robbery on January 10, 1986, has been matched to a bullet fatally wounding SA Jerry Dove in captioned incident. Both of these matched bullets were fired from a Ruger .223 caliber Mini-14, Model 3000, in possession of subject Michael Lee Platt during the shootout with FBI Agents.

(4) On March 19, 1986, at 9:30 a.m., two male subjects carrying a short-barrel pump shotgun and a military-type shoulder weapon (possibly a Mini-14) entered the Barnett Bank, 13593 South Dixie Highway, Miami, Florida, obtaining \$8,338 in robbery loot. Subjects made their getaway in a 1982 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, black two-door model, bearing Florida license NTJ-891.

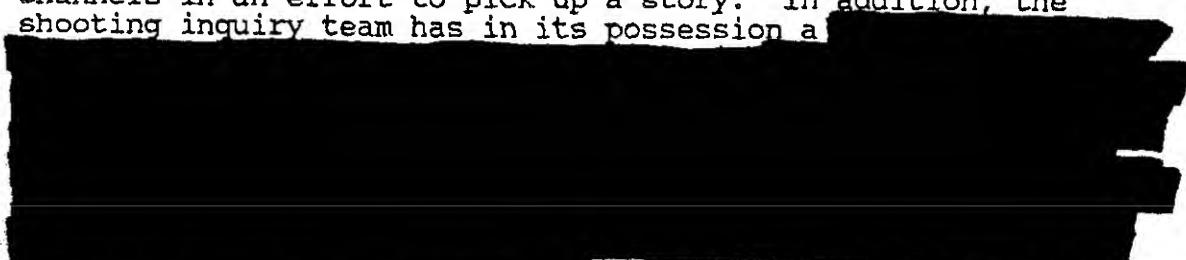
Investigation determined that the 1982 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Florida license NTJ-891, was stolen from [REDACTED] age 25, on March 12, 1986, while [REDACTED] was target shooting at an abandoned rock pit in southwest Dade County (same locale as Briel homicide on October 4, 1986). While [REDACTED] was target shooting, two white males arrived at the rock pit in a white Ford pickup truck with off-color striping, brandished a Smith & Wesson magnum revolver and a Ruger Mini-14 rifle, shot [REDACTED] four times and then fled the scene taking [REDACTED] Monte Carlo as well as his two weapons (.38 caliber Smith & Wesson Model 14 revolver and .22 caliber Marlin rifle, Model 60). [REDACTED] lived and furnished composite descriptions of his assailants. [REDACTED] revolver was recovered at the residence of Michael Lee Platt subsequent to the April 11, 1986, shooting. b7c

The four bank robberies briefly described above exhibited numerous similar or identical circumstances and characteristics to warrant a conclusion by investigating Agents that these robberies, as well as the Dade County rock pit

SSA McNeill assigned teams of Agents to cover four banks in the southwest area. These banks were separated by approximately 55-60 blocks.

The shooting inquiry team has in its possession a transcript of FBI radio transmissions which were monitored and tape recorded by a citizen who is a stringer for the "Miami Herald" newspaper and who monitors via scanner law enforcement channels in an effort to pick up a story. In addition, the shooting inquiry team has in its possession a [REDACTED]

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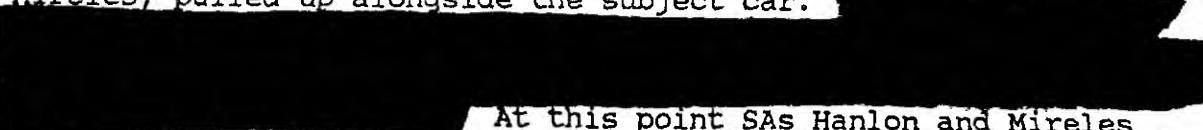
It is apparent from the transcript of the FBI radio broadcast that at some point during the surveillance, the subjects became aware that they were being followed and then began slowly driving on side streets with which they were familiar. Exhibits in the body of this report depict the pursuit and final stopping points of the vehicles involved in this incident.

As the vehicles involved came south on Southwest 82nd Avenue, a decision was made to stop them. SAs Grogan and Dove activated their blue light and siren to affect a "felony car stop." Vehicle C (see attached overlays), which was occupied by SA Richard A. Manauzzi (MM-66), was coming up from the rear and Vehicle A, occupied by SA John F. Hanlon, Jr. (MM-55), and SA Mireles, pulled up alongside the subject car.

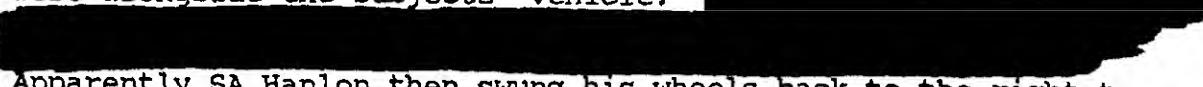
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At this point SAs Hanlon and Mireles were alongside the subjects' vehicle.



Apparently SA Hanlon then swung his wheels back to the right to impact against the subjects' vehicle and may have missed it and struck the vehicle operated by SA Manauzzi. In any event, the vehicle occupied by SAs Hanlon and Mireles lost control, ran over a short post and came to rest against a wall. The subjects made a U-turn heading northbound. SA Manauzzi made the turn with

Smith and Wesson revolver and SA Risner estimates he fired 13 to 14 rounds total from his issued Model 459 .9mm Smith and Wesson semiautomatic pistol.

SSA McNeill was shot for a second time and became incapacitated due to temporary paralysis.

SAs Grogan and Dove, from the area of Vehicle D, began firing on the subjects. Following a period of intense gunfire, subject William R. Matix apparently took SAs Grogan and Dove under fire with a shotgun. This was evidenced by a pattern of #6 shot down the driver's side of Vehicle D. While Matix exchanged fire with SAs Grogan and Dove, Michael Lee Platt left cover of his vehicle and proceeded down the passenger side of car D, leaned over the trunk of it, shooting SA Hanlon, who was down, in the groin area, and shooting and killing SAs Grogan and Dove. During this period of time, SA Risner was firing on Platt.

Immediately after shooting the Agents, Platt and Matix approached the Bureau vehicle marked as car D, apparently to effect their escape. Both of them entered the vehicle. At this point, SA Mireles, who was apparently semiconscious, and was slightly behind car E, opened fire on the subjects in the FBI car, utilizing his Bureau-issued shotgun. SA Mireles was forced to fire the gun one-handed. He rolled over on his back, put the shotgun between his legs, racked it with his right hand, forced himself up, pointed it over the rear bumper of the car and fired at the subjects. He apparently fired five rounds of 00 buckshot, puncturing the car in the left front fender, driver's window, and through the windshield. Somehow in this round of fire he hit the subject Platt through both feet. SA Mireles then rose to his feet, drew his service revolver, and advanced on car #6 firing and inflicting fatal wounds on both subjects.

Arriving Special Agents, including SA [REDACTED] observed this last round of fire. Other FBI units, police units and medical emergency units arrived momentarily, rushing the wounded Agents to hospital facilities.

This narrative account of the shooting has been furnished by the Agents involved, by statements of eye witnesses in the neighborhood, and crime scene investigation.

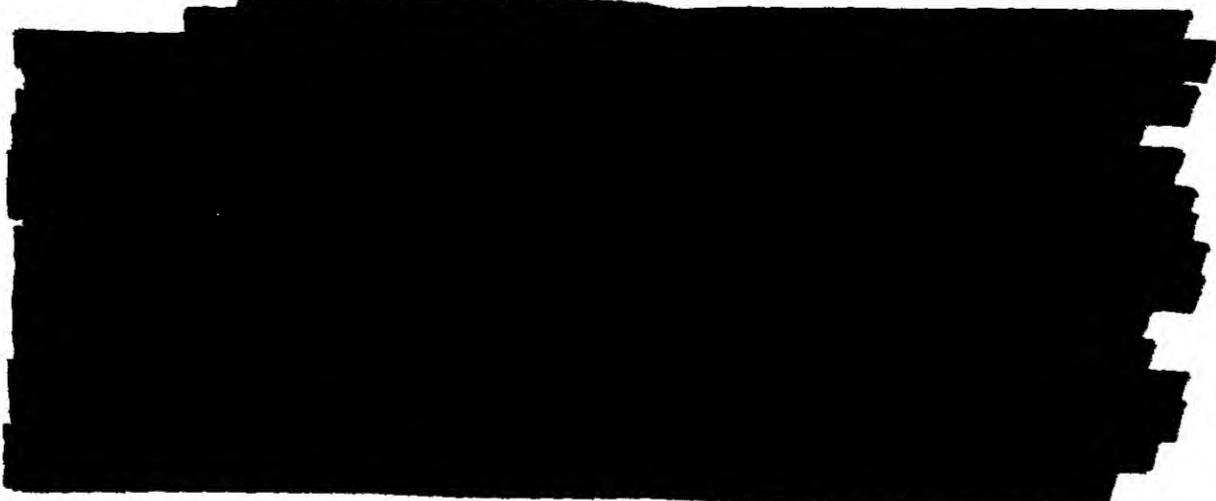
A crime scene search by Metro-Dade Homicide Detectives and Agents of the FBI Laboratory establishes 131 identifiable rounds were fired. It is probable that other rounds were fired and cartridge cases not retrieved. It is estimated that a minimum of 131 and as many as 140-145 total rounds were exchanged. Ballistics identifications definitely establish that

them, impacted once again into the driver's side of the subjects' car, pinning it between MM-66, a tree and a parked automobile in a yard in front of the residence 12201, 12203 Southwest 82nd Avenue. Vehicles #1 and #2 were parked unoccupied in that residence and Vehicle B (the subjects' vehicle) came to rest between them and a tree directly in front of the subjects and Vehicle C (SA Manauzzi's vehicle). Vehicle E, occupied by SSA McNeill, turned into the area and Vehicle D, occupied by SAs Grogan and Dove, had made a U-turn and parked to the rear of the subjects' vehicle. At this point, one of the subjects, now thought to be the subject William R. Matix, fired a shotgun blast at SA Manauzzi. The shot, determined to be #6 shot, penetrated the window of the Bureau car and struck SA Manauzzi in the back and the back of the head as he was exiting his vehicle on the driver's side. SA Manauzzi did not have his weapon strapped on his hip in a holster. It was lying beside him and, in the impact, the gun went to the floor of the car. SA Manauzzi was unable to find it and exited his vehicle unarmed. As he left the vehicle in a low crawl, he saw SSA McNeill coming in and thought that SSA McNeill was going to hit him. SA Manauzzi crossed Southwest 82nd Avenue, crouched, and took shelter behind a wall near where Vehicle A (SAs Hanlon and Mireles) had impacted. SSA McNeill exited his vehicle and was taken under fire by the subjects, principally by the subject Michael Lee Platt, who was armed with a Ruger .223 caliber Mini-14, semiautomatic rifle. SSA McNeill leaned across the hood of SA Manauzzi's car and emptied his revolver into the passenger compartment of the Monte Carlo, occupied by the subjects. At this point SSA McNeill was hit in the hand by return fire. Bleeding profusely, he attempted to reload; however, blood from his hand ran into the cylinders and he could not put more rounds into his weapon. SSA McNeill then withdrew toward the rear of Vehicle E.

In the impact of Vehicle A on the wall, SA Hanlon's service revolver, not secured on his hip, although holstered, was lost or tumbled to the floor of the car and SA Hanlon drew his five-shot Smith and Wesson snubnosed revolver from an ankle holster and proceeded into the shooting area. SAs Hanlon and Mireles had exited their vehicle and were running onto the scene. As SA Mireles approached the area of Vehicle E, he was taken under fire by the riflemen, suffered a severe wound to his left arm and went down. SA Hanlon proceeded to the rear of Vehicle D, crouched and fired five rounds from his five-shot revolver into the back of the subjects' vehicle. As SA Hanlon started to reload his weapon, he was hit in the arm by rifle fire and he went down. At this point or shortly before, SAs Gilbert M. Orrantia and Risner arrived on the scene and began firing at the subjects, who by this time were out of their vehicle and moving in the area of the two Vehicles designated R and V, and Vehicle B, utilizing these vehicles as cover. SA Orrantia fired 12 rounds of .38 caliber +P service ammunition from his .357

40 rounds were fired by Platt from the Ruger .223 semiautomatic Mini-14. Two and possibly three rounds of #6 shots were discharged by Matix from his shotgun. Both Matix and Platt were armed with .357 magnum revolvers, one a Dan Wesson Manufacture, the other a Smith and Wesson. Both of them fired three rounds from their revolvers without striking Agents. All of the severe damage done to Agent personnel was inflicted by the .223 caliber ammunition. SA Manauzzi suffered superficial wounds from shotgun pellets; SA Orrantia suffered superficial wounds believed to have been inflicted by shrapnel from a .357 round entering the passenger's compartment of his vehicle. Ballistics examinations have determined that Agents fired the following rounds: SA Risner - six rounds from his .9mm. SA Risner states that he fired 13 or 14 and had put a second loaded clip in the weapon; however, only six cartridges were recovered. SA Grogan - nine rounds from a .9mm. SA Dove - 20 rounds from his .9mm; cartridges all recovered. SA Orrantia - 12 rounds .38 caliber +P ammunition from his .357 magnum. SSA McNeill - six rounds .38 caliber +P ammunition from his .357 magnum. SA Hanlon - five rounds .38 caliber +P ammunition from his .38 caliber revolver. SA Mireles - five rounds #0 buckshot from his shotgun; six rounds .38 caliber +P ammunition from his service revolver.

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Date of transcription 4/22/86

[REDACTED] Supervisory Special Agent of the FBI, assigned to the Miami Division, provided a transcript made from a tape recording obtained from the "Miami Herald." [REDACTED] advised that this recording was made by an unknown individual on Friday, 4/11/86. This transcript concerns the radio transmission of a group of [REDACTED] Special Agents involved in the surveillance of a black Monte Carlo, Florida license NTJ-891. The transcript is attached.

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Investigation on 4/17/86 at Miami, Florida File # 62-121996

by SSA [REDACTED] L.V. Date dictated 4/17/86

TRANSCRIPT OF A RECORDING OF RADIO TRANSMISSIONS ON
APRIL 11, 1986.

UNKNOWN: FOXTROT, TO ANYONE ECHO TWO, (UI) THREE, ITS GONNA BE
RIGHT THERE BY THAT WHITE VAN. SEE THE (UI).

UNKNOWN: THE NEXT ONE.

UNKNOWN: ECHO FIVE TO FOXTROT, AI, YOU GOT A BEARING ON IT?

UNKNOWN: (UI)

UNKNOWN: WE'RE MOVING. (TRAIN PASSING)

UNKNOWN: FIVE

UNKNOWN: (UI)

UNKNOWN: BACK AT THE OFFICE. (SIREN IN BACKGROUND)

UNKNOWN: CHARLIE BASE?

UNKNOWN: THIS IS CHARLIE BASE, 92, GO AHEAD.

UNKNOWN: (UI) ABOUT 25.

UNKNOWN: 10-4.

[REDACTED] NORTH OF YOU, ARE YOU THERE? 66
[REDACTED] NO, I DON'T THINK SO, JUST THERE. b7c

UNKNOWN: 100.

UNKNOWN: (UI)

UNKNOWN: (AIRPLANE NOISE)

UNKNOWN: DELTA 78, DELTA BASE.

UNKNOWN: (UI) BASE, GO AHEAD.

UNKNOWN: I'LL BE 10-7 AT 442-2300.

UNKNOWN: 10-4, BASE CLEAR.

UNKNOWN: 956? (UI)

300: 66, 300 TO 66.

UNKNOWN: 97 ALPHA BASE. GO ALPHA 19.

UNKNOWN: ALBA BASE, I CAN BARELY READ YOU, I GOT A STOP TO
MAKE, I'LL BE IN THERE IN ABOUT AN HOUR.

UNKNOWN: THAT'S A 10-4.

MIRELES: QUADRUPLE 8 TO 7905.

MIRELES: QUADRUPLE 8 TO 133.

RISNER: WOULD YOU SETTLE FOR 131.

MIRELES: 10-4, 131, TELL STEVIE WE'RE GONNA STOP OFF FOR SOME
BREAKFAST. WE'LL BE BACK, WE'LL BE BACK ON THE AIR IN
FIVE.

RISNER: 10-4.

[REDACTED] I GOT YOU.

MIRELES: STEVIE, ARE YOU GONNA CONTACT THE BANK MANAGER?

[REDACTED] I CAN DO THAT.

[REDACTED] YOU GOT YOUR HT WITH YOU?

[REDACTED] WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THAT AH... HT MODE?

[REDACTED] YEAH, GOOD IDEA, O.K.

RISNER: 57.

[REDACTED] GO AHEAD.

RISNER: ARE YOU GONNA STOP OFF INSIDE?

[REDACTED] YEAH.

RISNER: ALRIGHT, WE'RE AROUND BACK.

MCNEILL: 57.

MCNEILL: TRY AND KEEP A WEAK EYE ALSO ON THAT BANK JUST NORTH OF
THE ONE YOUR PRIMARY LOCATION AT CONSOLIDATED. IT'S
JUST ABOUT 100 FEET AWAY.

[REDACTED] I'LL GO THERE WHEN I COME OUT 31, AND I'LL GO INSIDE
THAT PLACE TOO.

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[REDACTED] 83 TO C-1.

MCNEILL: GO AHEAD.

[REDACTED] GORDO, DO YOU HAVE A... ANY KIND OF FEEL FOR SCHEDULES FOR ANY ARMORED VEHICLES DOWN THIS WAY TODAY AND WHAT TIME THEY ARE GONNA ARRIVE AND WHERE?

MCNEILL: WE DIDN'T CHECK WITH UMM... STEVE W. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THAT?

[REDACTED] NEGATIVE, I DIDN'T GIVE THEM A CALL.

MCNEILL: THE ONLY ONE WOULD POSSIBLY BE THAT ONE, AT 136 THERE, WHERE AH..., I THINK THEY MAKE THE DELIVERY SHORTLY AFTER 9 O'CLOCK, THAT'S ALL WE GOT THOUGH.

[REDACTED] O.K.

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[REDACTED] BREAK GORDI, THE PERSON THAT'S GOING INSIDE THE BANK, WE SHOULD INQUIRE ON THAT WHEN WE GO INSIDE IF THEY'RE EXPECTING A DELIVERY OR A PICK UP.

MCNEILL: 10-4 BABE, READ THAT.

[REDACTED] (UI)... FOR A SHORT LIBRARY STOP.

RADIO: LIMA BASE TO LIMA 20.

RADIO: LIMA BASE - LIMA 20.

RISNER: 202.

RISNER: TELL YOUR PASSENGER THERE THAT THAT PIECE I WAS TAKING ABOUT EARLIER IS NOT IN THE TRUNK OF FIVE SEVEN

GROGAN: 10-4 .

RISNER: WHERE IS IT?

DOVE: AFTER I MOVED IT WHEN I TRADED CARS.

GROGAN: GO AHEAD.

MCNEILL: FEEL TO THE CONTRARY A...

MCNEILL: WE'LL PROBABLY ALL BE IN THE POSITION HERE IF SOMETHING DOES GO DOWN, IF THEY PULL UP AND MOVE IN QUICK AND WE DON'T HAVE A CHANCE TO RESPOND BEFORE WE'RE PROBABLY GONNA HAVE TO WAIT FOR A SITUATION WHERE THESE GUYS EXIT. WHAT DO YOU THINK.

GROGAN: OH, YEAH, 10-4, IF THEY GET IN POSITION TO DO SOMETHING
MMM..., WE'D BETTER LET THEM FINISH UP.

UNKNOWN: [REDACTED]

GROGAN: AH...., THIS LOCATION WHERE WE ARE THEY HAVE A....
UNIFORM PEOPLE ON DUTY HERE NOW DURING THE DAY, SO
THAT, THAT'S GOING TO KNOCK DOWN THE POSSIBILITIES OF
SOMETHING HAPPENING HERE A LITTLE, I THINK.

MCNEILL UNIFORM INSIDE?

GROGAN: YEAH, ACTUALLY, THEY'RE OUTSIDE IN THE CAR IN A MARKED
UNIT IN FRONT OF THE BANK.

MCNEILL: ARE THEY GONNA BE THERE ALL DAY?

GROGAN: 10-4, THEY'RE GONNA TAKE CARE OF THIS ALL DAY, ONE'S
GOING TO BE THERE AND ANOTHER ONE'S COMING ON.

MCNEILL: ANY SUGGESTIONS?

GROGAN: NO, IT'S STILL... STAY IN THE AREA SO WE CAN RESPOND
EITHER WAY THEN, I THINK, WE'LL JUST GO WITH WHAT WE
GOT.

MCNEILL: 10-4.

RADIO: 7951.

RADIO: 7951.

MIRELES: STATION, AH, 7951 IS 10-7 ATTEMPTING TO GET GAS.

RADIO: 10-4, THANK YOU.

[REDACTED] HEY, 31.

RISNER: GO.

[REDACTED] YEAH, I'M JUST ABOUT A LIKE 500 FEET NORTH OF YOU GUYS
ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY. THERE IS ANOTHER
LITTLE LOCATION HERE, ITS CALLED CONSOLIDATED. SO I'M
JUST GONNA HANG IN THE SHOPPING CENTER LOT RIGHT BEHIND
THE BANK LOT AND THAT'S WHERE YOU WILL FIND ME. IF YOU
NEEDED TO GET HERE, JUST GO RIGHT OUT ON THE HIGHWAY
AND GO NORTH ABOUT 500 FEET AND TURN RIGHT IN AND
YOU'LL SEE THIS, SEE THE PLACE ON YOUR RIGHT.

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RISNER: AH..., THAT INDIVIDUAL YOU TALKED TO YOU AT THE OUTER
STATION HERE, IS HE AH.... OFF DUTY UNIFORM?

[REDACTED] NO, HE'S A RENT-A-TYPE.

RISNER: THEY DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT UH... DELIVERIES TODAY, DID THEY?

[REDACTED] ... BUT I DIDN'T ASK THEM EITHER.

[REDACTED] IN THE PUBlix HERE TO USE THE FACILITY FOR A MINUTE. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK OUT.

RADIO: (UI) 8.

MIRELES: ...100.

RADIO: CAN YOU PLEASE ADVISE SIGNAL 7951 THAT THE LADY FROM THE BANK CALLED TO VERIFY HIS EMPLOYMENT AND SHE WANTS ~~HIM TO RETURN (UI) AND SHE'LL SUPPLY THE INFORMATION HE WANTS.~~

MIRELES: THANK YOU STATION. MAKE SURE HE GETS THE MESSAGE AND TELL I'LL MAKE SURE SHE GETS THE MESSAGE TOO.

RADIO: 10-4, THANK YOU.

[REDACTED] 55, WHAT'S YOUR 20? 66
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MIRELES: WE'RE AT THE BURDINES CLEARANCE CENTER, AH..., SOUTH OF THE BANK, CAN YOU MEET ME HERE?

MIRELES: AH..., THE LADY AT THE BANK CALLED THE OFFICE TO VERIFY YOUR EMPLOYMENT AND AH...., WANTS TO TALK TO YOU NOW. YOU COPY THAT?

[REDACTED] 10-4.

MIRELES: WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN THINGS TO HER?

[REDACTED] EXPLAINED IT ONCE.

MIRELES: AGAIN IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS.

DOVE: VERIFY YOUR EMPLOYMENT, STEVE.

MCNEILL: THOUGHT YOU LOOKED A LITTLE SLEEEZY STEVE.

HANLON: SHE ASKED DO YOU WORK AND, FOR THE SO AND SO AND THAT THERE WAS A PAUSE, YOU KNOW?

GROGAN: HEY, ATTENTION ALL UNITS. WE'RE BEHIND A BLACK VEHICLE TWO-DOOR, FLORIDA LICENSE NTJ-891, WE'RE HEADED SOUTH ON SOUTH DIXIE, NORTH ON SOUTH DIXIE.

GROGAN:READ THAT?

RISNER: 202, ARE YOU HEADED NORTH OR SOUTH?

GROGAN: NORTH ON SOUTH DIXIE.

RISNER: O.K., WHERE?

GROGAN: 124TH STREET, ITS A BLACK MONTE CARLO, TWO MALES IN IT,
NTJ-891.

MCNEILL: METRO RIGHT AWAY AND LET'S TRY AND YANK THAT GUY.

GROGAN: NOW, LETS GET HIM YANKED. LETS GET AH.... BILL S.,
CALL METRO ON YOUR UNIT AND GIVE 'EM THE LOCATION.

[REDACTED] YOU'RE AT 124, ARE YOU NORTH OF THERE NOW?

GROGAN: LOOKING GOOD, NTJ-891.

GROGAN: 120TH STREET, LETS SET UP HERE AND LETS STOP THEM IF
WE HAVE TO.

RISNER: O.K., HOLD ON BEN, TILL WE GET ENOUGH PEOPLE UP THERE.

GROGAN: ALL RIGHT, BLOW UP HERE.

DOVE: TWO WHITE MALES IN THE VEHICLE, UH, ONE WITH A
MUSTACHE.

MCNEILL: ... (UI) THEM UNTIL WE CAN GET SOME HELP AND THEN LETS
SEE IF THEY STOP.

GROGAN: GORDO, THAT'S OUR PLATE, NTJ-891, THEY ARE MAKING A
RIGHT TURN ON 117TH, RIGHT ON 117TH.

DOVE: GETTING SPOOKED, GUYS.

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DOVE: SOUTHWEST 81ST ROAD HEADING SOUTH AGAIN.

MCNEILL: DID YOU GET METRO?

MIRELES: RIGHT BEHIND YOU BABE, GIVE ME A CROSS STREET.

GROGAN: STAND BY.

[REDACTED] WHAT'S YOUR LOCATION BEN?

GROGAN: (UI) STREET, RIGHT TURN ON 120TH STREET GOING WEST.

MIRELES: BEN, WE'RE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, BABE. YOU WANNA DO IT, LET'S DO IT.

GROGAN: NEGATIVE, LET'S GET SOME MARKED UNITS. LETS GET SOME....

RISNER: O.K., WE'RE JUST AT 120TH AND U.S. 1, ARE THEY COMING BACK TOWARD U.S.1?

DOVE: THAT'S AFFIRMATIVE.

MCNEILL: JUST LOOKED AT THEM, THEY'RE GUYS LOADIN' UP SOMETHING IN THE FRONT...

GROGAN: LET'S DO IT! (DOVE SAYS IN BACKGROUND, "FELONY CAR STOP.) TAKE 'EM, FELONY CAR STOP, LETS DO IT.

MIRELES: SIRRY [REDACTED]

DOVE: YEAH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (UI) LOCATION [REDACTED], STILL ON 120?

UNKNOWN: (UI)

[REDACTED] 120, EAST OF THE HIGHWAY.

[REDACTED] WHAT'S THE LOCATION?

[REDACTED] LOCATION

[REDACTED] THE LAST I HEARD HIM SAY, HE WAS ON 120 EAST OF THE HIGHWAY A COUPLE OF BLOCKS.

[REDACTED] ROGER.

[REDACTED] O.K., IF YOU COME UP HERE ITS AH..., ARE YOU READING ME RED MAN? b6
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[REDACTED] YEAH, GO AHEAD. (SIREN IN BACKGROUND)

[REDACTED] (UI) UP HERE, SO TAKE IT EASY COMING UP.

[REDACTED] PEOPLE DOWN!

[REDACTED] ROGER THAT.

RISNER: (UI)..., WE GOT PEOPLE DOWN, LETS GET SOME HELP OVER HERE!

UNKNOWN: (UI)

[REDACTED] IS THAT YOU 131, GIVE US A READ OUT ON THE SCENE.

RISNER: ... MORE PEOPLE DOWN HERE!

[REDACTED] (UI) SET UP. (UI) SUBJECTS BEFORE WE GO CRASHING IN THERE.

[REDACTED] BOB, WHAT'S GOING ON?

[REDACTED] 55.

UNKNOWN: ... 20. (POLICE SIRENS IN BACKGROUND)

[REDACTED] 55.

[REDACTED] TO THOSE UNITS OUT THERE, ARE YOU REQUESTING METRO'S ASSISTANCE?

[REDACTED] WHERE'S THE ACTION GOING ON, TELL ME?

[REDACTED] NEED A LOCATION.

[REDACTED] TERRY IT'S ON 82 AVENUE, (UI) RIGHT BEHIND THE SUNNILAND SHOPPING CENTER.

[REDACTED] ROGER THAT.

RADIO: TO UNITS OUT THERE, REPEAT A LOCATION PLEASE.

RADIO: O.K.

[REDACTED] WILL SOMEBODY THROW OUT A LOCATION?

[REDACTED] HULKSTER AH..... CALL (UI).

UNKNOWN: (BACKGROUND) (UI) GOT THE BAD GUYS...

[REDACTED] TO UNITS OUT THERE SOUTHWEST, GIVE A STATUS REPORT, PLEASE.

UNKNOWN: (UI) GET DOWN.

[REDACTED] ALL RIGHT, WE GOT SOME OF OUR GUYS DOWN, WE NEED THE AMBULANCES IN HERE OFF OF, AH... 124TH STREET.

UNKNOWN: 82 AVENUE.

[REDACTED] 124TH, 8... SOUTH ON 82 AVENUE FROM 124TH STREET.

[REDACTED] 10-4.

[REDACTED] 77 TO 300, EMERGENCY!

[REDACTED] GO AHEAD 77.

[REDACTED] NOTIFY THE SAC WE HAVE TWO INJURED AGENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SHOT.

[REDACTED] O.K., WE'RE TRYING DO THAT, NOW, HOW MANY AGENTS HAVE BEEN SHOT?

UNKNOWN: (UI)

[REDACTED] 10-4. WE HAVE AMBULANCES ENROUTE, METRO DADE HAS BEEN ADVISED ALSO.

ORRANTIA: (UI) 300.

[REDACTED] GO ON.

ORRANTIA: WE HAVE HAD A SHOOTING INCIDENT AT SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 12TH STREET IN HOMESTEAD. PLEASE ADVISE SA'S TO IMMEDIATELY REPORT TO THIS AREA. AGENTS ARE DOWN. MEDICAL UNITS ARE ON THE SCENE, AND POLICE UNITS ARE ALSO ON THE SCENE.

[REDACTED] 10-4 131, LET ME GET THE ADDRESS STRAIGHT. YOU'RE SAYING SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 12TH STREET IN HOMESTEAD?

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RISNER: 82ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 12TH STREET.

ORRANTIA: SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 12TH STREET, YES, IN HOMESTEAD.

RISNER: (BACKGROUND) NOT IN HOMESTEAD, NO.

ORRANTIA: OFF SOUTH DIXIE HIGHWAY.

[REDACTED] LETS GET THAT ADDRESS RIGHT, NOW PLEASE REPEAT THE EXACT ADDRESS.

RISNER: O.K., ITS AT THE CORNER OF SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE AND SOUTHWEST 12TH STREET.

[REDACTED] OTHER O.K., I'M GETTING SOUTHWEST 12TH STREET AND I HAVE INFORMATION TO THAT EFFECT, LETS GET IT STRAIGHT NOW, WHERE ARE YOU?

RISNER: I JUST FINISHED TELLING YOU WE ARE AT THE CORNER OF SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE AND 12TH STREET.

[REDACTED] 131, IS THAT GONNA BE IN MIAMI OR IN HOMESTEAD?

RISNER: THAT'S ON SOUTH DIXIE.

[REDACTED] 300 TO 131, THAT CANNOT BE, IT CANNOT BE AT THAT LOCATION. PLEASE RECHECK AND GET AN EXACT ADDRESS WHERE YOU ARE AT.

[REDACTED] 83 TO 300, WE'RE ON SOUTH, (UI), STAND BY FOR AN AVENUE.

RISNER: O.K., ITS 131, O.K. THE SIGN IS ACTUALLY 122 STREET, 122 STREET. THE LAST DIGIT WAS AH..., WAS PAINTED OVER, ITS 122 STREET, SOUTHWEST 82ND AVENUE.

[REDACTED] 10-4, GIVE ME THE [REDACTED] IDENTITIES OF THE AGENTS, PLEASE.

[REDACTED] 10-100, OF COURSE.

RISNER: 131 TO 300.

[REDACTED] GO AHEAD 131.

RISNER: WHAT INFORMATION YOU WANT?

[REDACTED] GO 10-100, GIVE ME THE IDENTITIES OF THE AGENTS WHO HAVE BEEN SHOT.

RISNER: ALRIGHT, STAND BY, SWITCHING TO 10-100.

[REDACTED] OR IF YOU HAVE THE SIGNAL NUMBER, THAT'LL SUFFICE.

[REDACTED] CAN YOU DETERMINE THAT?

[REDACTED] DO WE HAVE ANY SERIOUS INJURIES THAT YOU CAN DETERMINE AT THIS POINT?

[REDACTED] 10-4.

[REDACTED] 177 TO 300, B5, EMERGENCY.

[REDACTED] 177 (UI).

[REDACTED] 177.

[REDACTED] WE HAVE TWO SA'S, THAT'S 10-7.

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[REDACTED] (UI)

[REDACTED] GIVE ME THE NAMES OF THE 10-7 AGENTS.

[REDACTED] NOT ON THE AIR. NOTIFY THE SAC AND A COUPLE OF ASACS.

[REDACTED] WE ARE AT THIS POINT DOING THAT, BUT WE NEED THE NAMES.

[REDACTED] ARE YOU THERE, 131?

UNKNOWN: TO ME, AH..., EITHER HERE OR AT THE DISTRICT AND LET ME KNOW IF WE CAN DO ANYTHING?

UNKNOWN: YEAH, THAT'S 10-4.

[REDACTED] 300 TO 131.

[REDACTED] (UI) SUBJECTS IN CUSTODY?

[REDACTED] 300 TO 131. [REDACTED] UNITS ENROUTE.

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UNKNOWN: (UI) EMERGENCY?

UNKNOWN: 3 TO 300.

UNKNOWN: (UI) BRAVO 5.

[REDACTED] GO BOTH OF THE BAD GUYS ARE DOA. BUT I'M AFRAID WE'VE LOST TWO AGENTS ALSO.

UNKNOWN: ZEBRA 39, TO HALLEY (PHONETIC).

UNKNOWN: ZEBRA BASE, CHARLIE 93.

UNKNOWN: (UI) 93?

UNKNOWN: YEAH 93. WHAT'S YOUR ETA TO THE SCENE?

UNKNOWN: APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES, SIR.

METRO: THAT'S 10-4. I JUST CALLED OVER TO YOUR OFFICE TO OFFER ANY AND ALL ASSISTANCE THAT WE CAN, CONVEY THAT TO THE SUPERVISOR ON THE SCENE OUT THERE AND AH... LET US KNOW IF THEY NEED ANY ASSISTANCE. 10-4?

UNKNOWN: THAT'S 10-4, SIR.

UNKNOWN: (UI) CAN SOMEBODY PLEASE ADVISE WHAT THE EXACT ADDRESS IS OR THE... ADDRESS IS?

[REDACTED] ITS SOUTHWEST 121 STREET AND 82 AVENUE.

UNKNOWN: 10-4, THANK YOU.

UNKNOWN: (UI) TWO TWO STREET.

UNKNOWN: 57 TO 300 ON BRAVO 5, 57 TO 300 ON BRAVO 5.

UNKNOWN: BRAVO 5.

[REDACTED] AH..., YEAH, WE'RE GONNA NEED SOME OTHER AGENTS DOWN HERE, I DON'T KNOW IF ANYBODY IS ON THE WAY BUT WE GOT ALOT OF WORK TO DO DOWN HERE.

[REDACTED] THE HELP THAT YOU CAN GET NOW. STAND BY OVER THERE.

[REDACTED] O.K.

[REDACTED] 212 TO ANY UNIT ON BS.

UNKNOWN: (UI) RADIO.

UNKNOWN: 97 TO RADIO.

STATION: GO AHEAD.

MM97: IS SOMEONE [REDACTED] A LIST OF THE UNITS RESPONDING?

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BACKGROUND DATA
MICHAEL LEE PLATT

Date of Birth: February 3, 1954
Place of Birth: San Diego, California
Hair: Brown, Mustache
Eyes: Hazel
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 173 pounds
Social Security Number: 526-08-7944
U.S. Service Number: 526087944
Military: U. S. Army
Address: 15031 Southwest 88th Lane, Miami, FL
Employment: Owner, Yankee Clipper Tree Trimming Service, Miami, Florida

Relatives:

Spouse: [REDACTED]

Ex-Spouse: [REDACTED]

Regina E. Lylen Platt. (deceased), DOB
September 31, 1952. Married October 31, 1975,
Deceased (suicide) December 31, 1984

Children: [REDACTED]

Father: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED]

Brother: [REDACTED]

Brother: [REDACTED]

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Civilian Education:

High School Graduation, 1972, KOFA High School,
Yuma, Arizona

Military History/Record:

U. S. Army, June 27, 1972, to May 1, 1979,
Honorable Discharge, Rank: E-6 (Staff Sergeant-
Infantryman/Physical Activities Specialist)

Duties: MOS-11B20 (Infantryman/Grenadier)
MOS-11B10 (Machine Gunner)
MOS-11B30 (Squad Leader/Platoon Leader)

Assignments: June, 1972, to August, 1973,
Training Stations. September, 1973, to May, 1975,
Fort Campbell, Kentucky. May, 1975, to July,
1975, Non-Commissioned Officers School, Fort Ord,
California. July, 1975, to February, 1977, Fort
Campbell, Kentucky. February, 1977, to March,
1978, Overseas Assignment (Korea). April, 1978,
to May, 1979, Fort Ord, California.

Michael Lee Platt led an uneventful childhood, being the son of career military U. S. Navy Petty Officer (Corpsman), [REDACTED] Michael Platt lived in the city of his birth, San Diego, California, until approximately 1965, at which time his father was transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and assigned duty on a hospital ship. In 1966, [REDACTED] was reassigned to the Naval Air Station, Alameda, California, and the family lived there for approximately 13 months. In 1977, the family moved to Yuma, Arizona, where [REDACTED] was stationed until his retirement from the U. S. Navy. Michael Platt graduated from KOFA High School at Yuma, Arizona, in 1972. He was an accomplished athlete in the games of football, basketball and baseball. Immediately after graduation, Platt joined the U. S. Army, taking his basic training at Fort Ord, California. b7c

While in Army basic training, Platt applied for U. S. Army Airborne Ranger Training and subsequently entered Paratrooper Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. b7d

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On completion of jump school, Platt was assigned to the Military Police Unit at that facility, and it was in this duty assignment that he met, and served in the same unit with William Russell Matix. Platt also met his first wife, Regina Lylen, while stationed at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and they were married on October 31, 1975.

When Platt went to Korea in 1977, his wife, Regina, remained stateside while he served approximately one year at Camp Kittyhawk, three miles south of the 38th parallel. b7e

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When Michael Platt returned from assignment in Korea, he lived with his wife Regina, occupying a two-bedroom house in Monterey, California. His son, [REDACTED] was born during this time. In approximately 1979, Platt moved his family to Miami, Florida, the home of his wife. He acquired employment with his wife's father, [REDACTED] b7c

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Platt unexpectedly quit working for his father-in-law in 1982, forming the business Blade Cutters with his brother, [REDACTED]. When William Russell Matix moved to Miami, Florida, in the summer of 1984, he bought into this lawn maintenance venture with [REDACTED] and Michael Platt, and worked directly with Michael Platt until he (Matix) quit in May, 1985. Michael Platt's wife also worked at Blade Cutters as a bookkeeper. b7c

Regina Platt committed suicide on December 21, 1984.

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Michael Platt had been romantically involved with a local waitress, [REDACTED] from December, 1983, through October, 1984.

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BACKGROUND DATA
WILLIAM RUSSELL MATIX

Date of Birth: May 25, 1961
Place of Birth: Dayton, Ohio
Hair: Brown, 1" Mustache
Eyes: Blue
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 147 pounds
Scars: Appendectomy; Right Knee 3"
Tattoo: Right Forearm - "USMC" w/Bulldog Face
Social Security Number: 269-50-0613
U.S. Service Number: 2578943
Military: U. S. Marine Corps; U. S. Army
Address: 15615 Southwest 85th Avenue, Miami, FL

Relatives:

Spouse: [REDACTED]

Ex-Spouse: Patricia (Buckanich) Matix (deceased), Age 32
Daughters: [REDACTED]

Father: Russell Matix (deceased), DOB May 11, 1914, POB
College Corner, Indiana

Stepfather: [REDACTED]

Mother: [REDACTED]

Brother: [REDACTED]

Sisters: [REDACTED]

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Civilian Education: (Ohio National Guard School Included)

High School Graduation, 1969, New Madison High
School, New Madison, Ohio

Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park,
New York, Graduated December 28, 1978

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National School of Meat Cutting, Inc., Toledo,
Ohio

Columbus Technical Institute, Aviation Maintenance
Program, Fall, 1983 - Spring, 1984 (Ohio National
Guard Scholarship Program)

Military History/Record:

U. S. Marine Corps, October 7, 1969, to July 7,
1972, Honorable Discharge, Rank: E-5 Sergeant,
MOS-3371, Cook/Supply

Overseas Assignments: Hawaii, April, 1970 -
March, 1971; Okinawa, April, 1971 - March, 1972

U. S. Army, August 10, 1973 - August 9, 1976,
Honorable Discharge, Rank: E-5 Sergeant.
Assignments: (101st Airborne Division, Fort
Campbell, Kentucky) Military Police, Squad Leader,
Guard Supervisor for Post Stockade, Patrol
Supervision while on Military Line Duty.

Matix experienced a normal childhood, with the exception of laboring with a stuttering impediment. This ultimately required professional help to terminate. This treatment was acquired at the Walter Reed Army Hospital during his adult years while serving a second tour of enlistment. Matix was an average high school student who did not participate in athletic events but did take an active role in The Future Farmers of America (FFA) program. He spent a great deal of time on the rural property of relatives and presented himself as a kind, quiet and considerate young man. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on graduation and served an unblemished three years, attaining the position of Sergeant (E-5) and carrying out the duties of Bakery Foreman (MOS 3371 - Cook).

Thirteen months after discharge from the Marine Corps, Matix enlisted in the U. S. Army, having spent this short interim period living with his parents in New Madison, Ohio, and working as a laborer for the Hobart Manufacturing Company of Troy, Ohio. *b7d*

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After basic Airborne training, Matix optioned for Military Police duty assignment and served until his discharge as a platoon leader and patrol supervisor. He was discharged with a record of citations to include Good Conduct, the Parachutist Badge and the National Defense Service Medal. It was while serving at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, that Matix met and served in the Military Police Unit with Michael Lee Platt.

Matix met his first wife, Patricia Buckanich, while undergoing stuttering therapy at Walter Reed Army Hospital in 1975. They were married after his Army discharge in 1976, and began a series of moves to include Takoma Park, Maryland; Poughkeepsie, New York; Hyde Park, New York; Toledo, Ohio; Columbus, Ohio; and Delaware, Ohio. From Delaware, Ohio, they returned to Columbus, Ohio, where they lived until his wife, "Patty," was murdered on December 30, 1983. In the three and one-half years of marriage, Matix attended Culinary School, Meat Cutting School and Aviation Mechanics Training. He also continued his association with the military structure by serving from November, 1981, to April, 1984, as Senior Assistant Investigator and Utility Helicopter Repairman in the Ohio National Guard. Matix did not stay with any employer for any sustained period of time, expressing to relatives and friends a longing for the regimentation and romance of military service.

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On December 30, 1983, Patricia Matix and a companion female co-worker were murdered (stabbed) at their place of employment, the Riverside Methodist Hospital Research Foundation, Columbus, Ohio.

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Matix's father, Russell Matix, suffered a stroke on the day that Patricia Matix was murdered, and his health deteriorated until his death from terminal cancer in April, 1984. During this four-month period, William Matix traveled back and forth from Columbus/Delaware, Ohio, to Cincinnati, Ohio (Russell Matix's home). He became increasingly active in his local church, professing to be a "Born Again" Christian, and giving public testimony of his religious convictions and his ability to overcome the stigma of Patty's murder. Matix received a sizable insurance claim payoff (exact amount unknown but believed to be in the \$180,000 range) from an existing life insurance policy on his wife, Social Security benefits resulting from her death, and also received monthly employee's compensation payments as a surviving unemployed spouse. The insurance settlement was far less than he had anticipated and he was bitter, blaming the lack

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A shooting scene search of the below-listed cars on 4/12/86 at OPA-Locka Airport resulted in the collection of the following specimens for serological analysis:

Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Florida license NTJ 891, Black, 2-door sedan:

- (Q1) a) Swab from right door
- (Q2) b) Swab from armrest passenger's side
- (Q3) c) Scrapings from armrest passenger's side
- (Q4) d) Swab from headrest driver's side
- (Q5) e) Piece of fabric from under headrest driver's side
- (Q6) f) Piece of fabric from driver's seat belt

Buick Century, Florida license 367 CUV, tan with brown vinyl roof, 4-door sedan:

- (Q9) a) Swab from dashboard
- (Q10) b) Swab from lower left rear door
- (Q11) c) Scrapings from right side of trunk
- (Q12) d) Scrapings from gear shift stem
- (Q13) e) Scrapings from left rear bumper
- (Q14) f) Scrapings from middle of rear bumper
- (Q15) g) Scrapings from right rear panel
- (Q16) h) Scrapings from right rear bumper
- (Q17) i) Scrapings from threshold below right front door
- (Q18) j) Piece of fabric from passenger's seat
- (Q19) k) Piece of fabric from passenger's backrest
- (Q20) l) Piece of fabric from driver's seat

Buick LeSabre, Florida license 516 DTK, tan with brown vinyl roof, 4-door sedan:

- (Q22) a) Swab from trunk near lock
- (Q23) b) Swab from license plate
- (Q24) c) Scrapings from left side of right bumper guard

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Buick LeSabre, Florida license 913 ARC, two-tone blue, 4-door sedan:

- (Q25) a) Scrapings from left side rear of hood
 - (Q26) b) Scrapings from right front fender
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On 4/24/86, grouping tests conducted on the human blood identified on the below-listed specimens disclosed the following:

<u>Specimen(s)</u>	<u>Results</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Q1	"PGM sub 1-1+, Hp 2"	Consistent with Mattix
Q2-Q5	"PGM sub 1-1+, EAP A, Hp 2"	Consistent with Mattix
Q6	"Hp 2"	Consistent with Mattix
Q9	"PGM sub 1+, EAP BA, Hp 1"	Consistent with Platt
Q10	"PGM sub 1-1+, EAP BA, Hp 1, Hp 2"	Consistent with Mattix and Platt (see photo R14-6)
Q11	"PGM sub 1+, EAP BA, Hp 1"	Consistent with Platt
Q12	"PGM sub 1+"	Consistent with Platt
Q13-Q18	"PGM sub 1+, EAP BA, Hp 1"	Consistent with Platt (Q17 see photo R6-13)
Q19-Q20	"PGM sub 1-1+, EAP BA, Hp 2"	Consistent with Mattix
Q22	"PGM sub 1-2+, Hp 2-1"	Consistent with Dove but cannot be eliminated as having come from SA Mireles (see photo R10-4)
Q23-Q24	"PGM sub 1-2+, EAP B, Hp 2-1"	Inconsistent with the above- listed individuals but cannot be eliminated as having come from SA Mireles (see photo R10-5)

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Q25

"PGM sub 1+, EAP BA,
Hp 2-1"

Inconsistent with the above-listed individuals but cannot be eliminated as having come from SSA McNeill (see photo R6-4)

Attempts to further characterize the above specimens were either inconclusive or precluded due to the limited amount of sample. It is to be noted that the results of blood grouping tests and comparisons, as set forth above, do not constitute a basis for positive personal identification but may be utilized for the purpose of exclusion.

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A shooting scene search of the below-listed cars on 4/12/86 at OPA-Locka Airport resulted in the collection of the following specimens for instrumental analysis:

Chevrolet Monte Carlo, Florida license NTJ 891, black, 2-door sedan:

- (K1) a) Known paint sample

Buick Century, Florida license 367 CUV, tan with brown vinyl roof, 4-door sedan:

- (K2) a) Known paint sample

- (Q21) b) Substance from left front door above metal strip

Buick LeSabre, Florida license 516 DTK, tan with brown vinyl roof, 4-door sedan:

- (K3) a) Known paint sample

Buick LeSabre, Florida license 913 ARC, two-tone blue 4-door sedan:

- (K4) a) Known paint sample from bottom of car

- (K4) b) Known paint sample from top of car

- (Q26) c) Scraping from right front fender

- (Q27) d) Scraping from left front door above molding

- (Q28) e) Scraping from left front door below molding

- (Q29) f) Scraping from left side of trunk

Dodge Diplomat, Florida license JNR 279, brown 4-door sedan:

- (K5) a) Known paint sample

- (Q30) b) Scraping from right front door at crease

- (Q31) c) Scraping from right rear door below metal strip

- (Q32) d) Scraping from right front fender

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Known rubber samples taken from Platt's shoes:

- (K6) a) Left shoe
- (K7) b) Right shoe

The black material removed from the trunk of SA Manauzzi's vehicle, specimen Q29, is not the same material as that comprising the soles of Platt's shoes, specimens K6 and K7. Some of the Q29 scrapings contain a urethane-type polymer and it is suitable for comparison purposes in the event other suspected sources are obtained and submitted to the Laboratory.

Specimens Q27 and Q28, representing paint scrapings from the blue Buick LaSabre (SA Manauzzi's vehicle), contain foreign, smeared and crushed, off-white acrylic lacquer on the top surface of the blue paint. These smears were determined to be like the off-white paint system on the Buick Century, specimen K2 (SAs Dove's/Grogan's vehicle). Therefore, the left front door area of SA Manauzzi's vehicle contacted the SAs Dove's/Grogan's vehicle.

Specimen Q21 taken from the Buick Century consists of a thick, soft, dark brown grease or lubricant-type compound. There was nothing in the items submitted to the Laboratory comparable with Q21 and the source of this material cannot be determined.

Specimens Q30, Q31, and Q32 taken from the Dodge Diplomat all contain black plasticlike material(s) which is consistent with some automotive-type accessory trim components. Since no trim components from any of the vehicles involved were submitted to the Laboratory, it was not possible to determine the source(s) of these materials taken from the Dodge Diplomat. They are suitable for comparison purposes in the event known samples are obtained.

Specimen Q26, taken from the right front fender of SA Manauzzi's vehicle, contains black nonmetallic acrylic lacquer paint particles which are like the paint system present on the Monte Carlo, specimen K1. It is concluded that the right front fender of SA Manauzzi's vehicle contacted the Monte Carlo.

Based on the evidence made available for examinations to the Materials Analysis Unit, no additional conclusions or inferences can be made at this time.

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Following a shootout between Bureau Agents and two subjects, Michael Lee Platt and William R. Mattix, in the front of a residence located at 12201 Southwest 82nd Avenue, Kendall, Florida, on April 11, 1986, a general survey and trajectory analysis was conducted at the shooting scene. Two parked vehicles, the subjects' vehicle and three of the five Bureau vehicles were in the same position they occupied at the time of the shooting. A fourth Bureau vehicle (Grogan/Dove's Bureau car) had been moved several feet forward of its original position at the time of the shooting. A fifth Bureau vehicle (Risner/Orrantia's Bureau car) had been moved immediately after the shooting. The positions of these vehicles at the time of the shooting were determined and considered in making any observations.

The following observations were made regarding each vehicle or specific location at the shooting scene. Following each observation, a comment indicating a possible shooter or trajectory of a fired projectile(s) will be noted if consistent or known.

Duplex Residence, 12201 Southwest 82nd Avenue:

Approximately 12 bullet projectile impact areas/holes were noted in the front of this residence. Two of these projectiles penetrated front window(s) and lodged in the inside wall of this residence.

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Parking Garage Walls West of Risner/Orrantia's Bureau Car:

Several bullet impact areas in these walls, consistent in location with shots fired by subjects at SAs Risner/Orrantia's Bureau car.

Parked Trans Am, Florida license YFR-826:

Two bullet-impact areas on top of hood, which are consistent in direction and location with shots fired by SAs Risner and Orrantia at subjects.

Parked Olds Cutlass Supreme, Florida license VHX-823:

One bullet-impact area on roof above driver's door, which is consistent in direction and location with shot fired at subjects by SAs Hanlon, Grogan and Dove.

SAs Risner/Orrantia's Bureau Car:

One entrance hole through post into passenger compartment between windshield and driver's door at roof line. This hole is consistent in diameter and type to that produced by high-speed bullet (i.e., .223 Remington caliber bullet) fired by Platt from Mini-14.

One entrance hole above left-front tire, through dash, into front seat (bullet fired by .357 magnum caliber Dan Wesson revolver, S/N 31488).

Platt/Mattix Vehicle, Monte Carlo, Florida license NTJ-891:

Three holes in trunk; at least ten holes/bullet impact areas in left rear quarter panel. Two of the holes in the left rear quarter panel penetrate through the trunk and back seat and into rear of passenger-side front seat. All of these holes are consistent in direction and type with shots fired by SAs Hanlon, Dove and Grogan (photos R17-4, R17-5, R16-14).

Three holes in driver's side door mirror and one hole through door next to mirror. All of these holes are from the inside of the car toward the outside. Consistent with Platt firing Mini-14 toward hood and inside of SA Manauzzi's Bureau car (photos R14-3, R6-5).

SA Manauzzi's Bureau Car, Buick, Florida license 913-ARC:

Five revolver cylinder smoke residue areas and one muzzle-blast smoke residue area on hood of this car. Consistent in location and direction with SSA McNeill firing his revolver over this hood toward and into passenger compartment of subject's vehicle (photos R6-4, R6-5).

Several bullet/projectile entrance holes in passenger side mirror, door, front fender and several holes in passenger side rear and front windows. Corresponding holes/impact areas in driver's side seat, headliner, inside of doors and windows, including pellet/fragment damage. This is consistent with subjects firing Ruger Mini-14 and possibly other firearms into passenger side of SA Manauzzi's Bureau car and through Bureau car (photos R11-11, R11-12, R18-7).

Wiped area and dark smear across trunk of this car indicating movement from passenger's side toward driver's side. Consistent with sliding or vaulting across trunk (photo R6-9, R25-14, R1-12).

Bullet impact areas in trunk and bullet-type holes in rear window. Consistent in direction with shots fired from driver's side of Grogan/Dove's Bureau car (photo R6-9).

SSA McNeill Bureau Car, Buick LeSabre, Florida license 516-DTK:

Several bullet-type entrance holes in driver's side door. Driver's side front and rear door window glass broken. Pellet/fragment damage to windshield, driver's side doors and front fender. Exit hole in passenger-side rear roof. This damage is consistent with shots fired into and through SA Manauzzi's Bureau car toward SSA McNeill's Bureau car by Mattix/Platt (photos R1-5, R7-4, R9-13, R9-15).

Portion of wooden forearm from SA Mireles' shotgun located in right rear portion of bumper of SSA McNeill's Bureau car (photos R6-2, R6-1).

SAs Grogan/Dove's Bureau Car, Buick Century, Florida license 367-CUV:

One shot pattern, consistent with 00 buck pellets in driver's side front fender and two shot patterns, consistent with 00 buck pellets, in driver's side windshield. Diameters and position of these patterns are consistent with shots fired by SA Mireles from passenger-side rear of SSA McNeill's Bureau car (photos R16-4, R16-3).

Shot pellet damage on driver's side of vehicle indicating front-to-rear trajectory. Two pellets, consistent with #6 shot, removed from rubber around driver's door and rear tire.

Smoke from cylinder/muzzle of firearm on passenger-side rear quarter panel of Bureau car. Consistent with position of SA Hanlon firing at Mattix/Platt's vehicle (photo R4-5).

Muzzle blast and hole on rear of trunk indicating muzzle of firearm in contact with trunk when a shot was fired. Consistent with Platt firing Mini-14 across trunk (photos R4-13, R4-6).

SAs Hanlon/Mireles' Bureau Car, Dodge, Florida license INR-279:

No bullet-type holes or impact areas were noted.

It is noted that the above observations do not include all bullet-type holes or impact areas noted at the shooting scene or in the vehicles.

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Following a shootout between Bureau Agents and two subjects, Michael Lee Platt and William R. Mattix, photographs were taken at the shooting scene located at 12201 Southwest 82nd Avenue, Kendall, Florida. Overall photographs were taken of the scene with the subjects' vehicle, two parked vehicles and four of the five Bureau vehicles in position at the scene. The remaining Bureau vehicle (Risner/Orrantia's Bureau car) was moved immediately after the shooting incident and was not photographed at the scene. It is noted that one of the Bureau vehicles (Buick Century, Florida license 367-CUV, Grogan/Dove's Bureau car) was photographed after it had been moved several feet forward of its original position at the time of the shootout. It is further noted that many items of physical evidence (bullets, cartridge cases, firearms) had been collected and removed from the scene prior to the time the photographs were taken.

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Following a shootout between Bureau Agents and two subjects, Michael Lee Platt and William R. Mattix, on April 11, 1986, at 12201 Southwest 82nd Avenue, Kendall, Florida, the subjects' vehicle and five Bureau vehicles were moved to an airport hangar at the Opa-Locka Airport, Opa-Locka, Florida.

At this location, the subjects' vehicle and the five Bureau vehicles were photographed. Overall photographs and detailed photographs, noting any damage to these vehicles, were taken. Items of physical evidence (bullets, cartridge cases, cartridges) were photographed in the position in which they were located in each vehicle.

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The following investigation was conducted at the Miami Field Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) by Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] on April 14, 1986:

An inventory was made of items removed from FBI vehicles involved in a shooting incident on April 11, 1986, at 12201 Southwest 82nd Avenue, Miami, Florida. A listing of the bulletproof vests, weapons and ammunition removed from each respective vehicle is as follows:

FBI Vehicle Bearing Florida License Number INR 279:

Four bulletproof vests

Six .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges from trunk.

Six .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges from driver's floor.

Six .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges from trunk.

One .38 Special caliber wadcutter cartridge.

Five .38 Special caliber wadcutter cartridges from trunk.

Box containing fifty .38 Special caliber "+P" semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges from glove box.

Two boxes, each containing fifty .38 Special caliber wadcutter cartridges from under seat.

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Box containing thirty .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges from under seat.

One .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridge from under seat.

Two boxes, each containing five 12-gauge 00 Buck shotshells from shoulder weapon case in back seat.

Two boxes, each containing five 12-gauge rifled slug shotshells from shoulder weapon case in back seat.

FBI Vehicle Bearing Florida License Number 913 ARC:

One bulletproof vest.

Three .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges from trunk.

FBI Vehicle Bearing Florida License Number 516 DTK:

One 12-gauge Remington shotgun, Model 870, Serial Number 710104V.

One .38 Special caliber Smith and Wesson revolver, Model 10-8, Serial Number 3D63245.

Ammunition pouch containing six .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges.

Box containing fifty .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges.

Six .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges.

Box containing five 12-gauge 00 Buck shotshells.

Two boxes, each containing five 12-gauge rifled slug shotshells.

FBI Vehicle Bearing Florida License Number 367 CUV:

One bulletproof vest.

Speed loader containing six .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges.

Speed loader containing six .357 Magnum caliber "Silvertip" cartridges.

Box containing fifty .38 Special caliber "+P" lead semi-wadcutter hollow point cartridges.

Unless otherwise noted, at the time the inventory was conducted, the area of each vehicle from which the respective items were removed could not be determined.

of double indemnity award on the poor investigation conducted by the Columbus, Ohio, Police Department. Matix related to many of his friends that the police were harassing him as he was their prime suspect in his wife's murder. He invested the major portion of the insurance award in a trust fund for his daughter

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[REDACTED] Matix dated a number of women after Patty's death.

b7d

Matix moved to Miami, Florida, in mid-summer 1984, buying a one-fourth interest in Blade Cutters, a lawn trimming service owned by Michael Lee Platt, brother [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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He worked at this venture until May 17, 1985, when his partnership status was terminated due to personality differences with partner [REDACTED]. For a period of several months, Matix made wooden toys in the Blade Cutter warehouse

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In October, 1984, Matix and Michael Platt went to Orlando, Florida, for a weekend and it was on this trip that Matix met [REDACTED]

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When Regina Platt committed suicide on December 21, 1984, Michael Platt [REDACTED]

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Matix met [REDACTED] in the spring of 1985, and they were subsequently married May 17, 1985. In August, 1985, Matix and Michael Platt formed the tree-cutting business known as Yankee Clipper. Matix and Platt spent most of their time together after the formation of this enterprise.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Between summer, 1965, and the time of his death, those close to Matix noticed a definite change in his personality. He became listless, vague as to his work record, irritable and quick to lose his temper. His moods were unpredictable and he seemed incoherent at times, bringing up subjects of conversation dealing with the disposition of his property and the upbringing of his daughter, if and when anything should cost him his life.

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He told several people that he and Michael Platt maintained a warehouse where they stored automobiles, weapons and other materials used in the secret missions. A CIA medallion/logo was found in Matix's personal belongings at the time of his death.

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FIREARM	FIRED BY	CONDITION OF FIREARM	IDENTIFICATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS OF FIRED CARTRIDGE CASES/ SHOTGUN CASINGS		IDENTIFICATIONS OF BULLETS/PELLETS
			(1) .223 Remington Caliber CBC Cartridges with FMJ-Jacketed Bullets in Magazine	(39) .223 Remington Caliber CBC Cartridge Cases from Scene or Vehicles at Scene	
.223 Remington Caliber Ruger, Mini-14, Rifle S/N 184-95273 with Magazine	P L A T T	(6) .223 Remington Caliber CBC Cartridges with FMJ-Jacketed Bullets in Magazine	(39) .223 Remington Caliber CBC Cartridge Cases from Scene or Vehicles at Scene	(1) .223 Remington Caliber CBC Cartridges with FMJ-Jacketed Bullets in Magazine	(1) Projectiles (1) Projectiles (1) Projectiles (1) Projectiles (Three Projectiles Characteristic)
.357 Magnum Caliber Smith & Wesson Revolver, Model 586, 6" BBL, S/N ADD0884, 6-Shot	M P A L T A T T I T X	(3) .38 SPL +P W-W Silvertip Cartridges in Cylinder (1) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(3) Cartridge Cases from Cylinder Not Compared	(1) .38-Cal from Scene	
12-Gauge Smith & Wesson Shotgun, Model 3000, S/N FC12417 7/8-Shotshell Capacity	M A A T T I X	(4) 12-Gauge W-W Shotshells #6 Shot in Shotgun	(1) 12-Gauge W-W Shotshell Casing #6 Shot from Subject's Car	(2) Pellets Removed SAS Grog	
.357 Magnum Caliber Dan Wesson Revolver, S/N 188, 6" BBL, 6-shot	M P A L T A T T I T X	(3) .357 Magnum Caliber W-W Cartridges with JHP Bullets in Cylinder (3) .357 Magnum Caliber W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(3) Cartridge Cases from Cylinder Not Compared	(1) .38-Cal from S.A. Bureau	
9-mm Smith & Wesson, Model 459, Pistol, S/N A767487, with Magazine 14/15-Shot	SA GROGAN	(1) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridge in Chamber (4) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridges in Magazine	(9) 9-mm W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene		
9-mm Smith & Wesson, Model 459, Pistol, A731025, with Magazine 14/15-Shot	SA DOVE	Magazine and Chamber Empty Slide Locked to Rear with Bullet Hole Through Left Side of Slide	(20) 9-mm W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene	(1) 9-mm S. (7) 9-mm S.	
9-mm Smith & Wesson, Model 459, Pistol, S/N A767453, with Magazine 14/15-Shot	SA RISNER	(1) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridge in Chamber (1) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridge in Magazine	(6) 9-mm W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene	(1) 9-mm S. (1) 9-mm S. South	
.38 Special Caliber Smith & Wesson, Model 60, Revolver, S/W 6K65457, 6-Shot	SA KISNER	(4) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridge with Pb SWC/HP Bullets in Cylinder (1) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridge Case in Cylinder	(1) Cartridge Case from Cylinder Not Compared		
.357 Magnum Caliber Smith & Wesson, Model 13-2, Revolver, Serial Number 6D06802, 6-Shot	SA ORMANIA	(6) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWC/HP Bullets in Cylinder	(12) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene		
.357 Magnum Caliber Smith & Wesson, Model 19-3, S/N 6K29149, 6-Shot	SSA MC NEILL	(1) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWC Bullets in Cylinder (3) Empty Chambers	(6) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene		
.38 Special Caliber Smith & Wesson Revolver, Model 36, S/W 370870, 5-Shot	SA HANLON	(2) .38 Special +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWC/HP Bullets in Open Cylinder (3) Empty Chambers	(5) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene on Ground at Rear of SSA Grogan's/Dove's Bureau Car		
12-Gauge Remington, Model 870, Shotgun, S/N S392309V	SA MIRELES	Empty Chamber and Magazine Portion of Wood Forearm Broken from Shotgun	(5) 12-Gauge R-P Du Buck Shotshell Casings from Behind SSA McNeill's Bureau Car: (4) Identified (1) Inconclusive	(1) Pell 00	
.357 Magnum Smith & Wesson, Model 686, Revolver, S/W AM18939, 6-Shot	SA MIRELES	(6) .38 Spl +P W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(6) Cartridge Cases from Cylinder Not Compared	(2) .38 Matt Pir (1) .38	

CONDITION OF FIREARMS	IDENTIFICATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS OF FIXED CARTRIDGE CASES/ SHOTGUN CASINGS		REMARKS
	IDENTIFICATIONS/ASSOCIATIONS OF BULLETS/PELLATS		
(6) .223 Remington Caliber CNC Cartridges with FMC-Jacketed Bullets in Magazine	(39) .223 Remington Caliber CNC Cartridge Cases from Scene or Vehicles at Scene	(1) .223 Remington Caliber Bullet from SA Dove (1) Projectile from SA Dove (1) Projectile from SA Mireles (1) Projectile from SA Dove's Handkerchief (Three Projectiles with Stellar Class Characteristics Inconclusive)	(1) Empty Mini-14 Magazine Located on Ground Next to Right Front Tire of Oldsmobile Cutlass Mini-14 Magazines Loaded with Cartridges Located in Front Seat of SSA Grogan's/Dove's Bureau Car
(3) .38 SPL +P W-W Silvertip Cartridges in Cylinder (3) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(3) Cartridge Cases from Cylinder Not Compared	(1) .38-Caliber Silvertip Bullet from Scene	Located on Ground Next to Right Front Tire of Oldsmobile Cutlass
(4) 12-Gauge W-W Shotshell #6 Shot in Shotgun	(1) 12-Gauge W-W Shotshell Casing #6 Shot from Subject's Car	(2) Pellets Consistent with #6 Shot Removed from Driver's Side of SSA Grogan's/Dove's Bureau Car	(1) 12-Gauge W-W Shotshell #6 Shot Located on Ground Between Mattix'/ Platt's Car and Oldsmobile Cutlass Supreme (1) 12-Gauge W-W Shotshell #6 Shot Located in Subjects' Car
(3) .357 Magnum Caliber W-W Cartridges with JHP Bullets in Cylinder (3) .357 Magnum Caliber W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(3) Cartridge Cases from Cylinder Not Compared	(1) .38-Caliber Jacketed Bullet from Seat of SA Rimmer's Bureau Car	Located on Front Seat of SSA Grogan's/Dove's Bureau Car
(1) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridge in Chamber (4) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridges in Magazine	(9) 9-mm W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene		
Magazine and Chamber Empty Slide Locked to Rear with Bullet Hole Through Left Side of Slide	(20) 9-mm W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene	(1) 9-mm Silvertip Bullet from Platt (7) 9-mm Silvertip Bullets from Scene	(1) Empty 9-mm Magazine Located on Front Passenger Side Floor of SSA Grogan's/Dove's Bureau Car
(1) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridge in Chamber (1) 9-mm W-W Silvertip Cartridge in Magazine	(6) 9-mm W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene	(1) 9-mm Silvertip Bullet from Platt (1) 9-mm Silvertip Bullet from Scene South of Water Unit Next to House	
(4) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge with Pb SWCHP Bullets in Cylinder (1) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(1) Cartridge Case from Cylinder Not Compared		
(6) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWCHP Bullets in Cylinder	(12) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene		
.38 SPL +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWC Bullets in Cylinder (3) Empty Chambers	(6) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene		Ammunition Pouch with (2) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWCHP Bullets and (1) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge with Pb SWC Bullet Were Located Near These (6) Cartridge Cases on Ground at Right Rear of SSA McNeill's Bureau Car
(2) .38 Special +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWCHP Bullets in Open Cylinder (3) Empty Chambers	(5) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases from Scene on Ground at Rear of SSA Grogan's/ Dove's Bureau Car		Ammunition Pouch with (1) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge with Pb SWCHP Bullet and (3) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridges with Pb SWCHP Bullets Located on Ground at Rear of SA's Grogan's/Dove's Bureau Car
Empty Chamber and Magazine Portion of Wood Forearm Broken from Shotgun	(5) 12-Gauge R-P 00 Buck Shotshell Casings from Behind SSA McNeill's Bureau Car: (4) Identified (1) Inconclusive	(1) Pellet Consistent With 00 Buck from Mattix	The Portion of Wood Forearm Which Was Broken from Shotgun Was Located Wedged into Right Rear Corner of Bumper of SSA McNeill's Bureau Car
(6) .38 SPL +P W-W Cartridge Cases in Cylinder	(6) Cartridge Cases from Cylinder Not Compared	(2) .38 Caliber Pb HP Bullets from Mattix Possibly Fired from this Firearm (1) .38 Pb HP Bullet from Platt	

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A review of FD-107s, Duplicate Property Records, for 14 Agent personnel assigned to the Miami Division was conducted by SSA [REDACTED]. These Agents were all part of the original stakeout group of banks in the southwest portion of Miami conducted on April 11, 1986. These records reflect the following weapons issued to these Agents or officially approved for their use.

SA Jerry Dove

Issue: S&W, 6D86581 (no model noted)
POW: S&W Model 36, SN1J04011

SA Benjamin P. Grogan

POW: S&W Model 19, 4-inch barrell, SN4K98229

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SA John F. Hanlon, Jr.

Issue: S&W Military and Police Revolver SNC-613083
Issue: S&W 2 1/2-inch, .38-caliber, SND658077
POW: S&W Model 36, SN370870

SA [REDACTED]

Issue: S&W Military and Police Revolver, SND-284603
POW: S&W Model 49, SN11J28
POW: S&W Model 66, SN9K5113

SA [REDACTED]

Issue: Colt Police Revolver, SN655328
POW: S&W Model 66, SN4K95382
POW: Remington 870, 12-gauge shotgun, SNT978477V

SA Richard A. Manauzzi

Issue: S&W Military and Police, SND310237
POW: S&W Model 19, 2 1/2-inch, SN1K51867
POW: S&W Model 36, SNJ715757

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SSA Gordon G. McNeill

Issue: S&W Military and Police, C849722
POW: S&W Model 19, 2 1/2-inch, SN6K29169

SA Edmundo Mireles, Jr.

Issue: S&W Military and Police, SN3D74971
POW: S&W Model 686, SNAAH8939

SA [REDACTED]

Issue: S&W Military and Police, SND348486
Issue: S&W Model 19, 4-inch, SNK622312
POW: S&W Model 19, 2 1/2-inch, SN1K51837

SA Gilbert M. Orrantia

Issue: S&W Military and Police, SN6D86802

SA Ronald G. Risner

POW: S&W, Model 19, 2 1/2-inch, SN3K10169
POW: S&W, Model 60, SNR155457

SA [REDACTED]

Issue: S&W Military and Police, SND348376
Issue: S&W Model 19, SNK623327
POW: Colt Detective Special, SN91009
POW: S&W, Model 27, 3 1/2-inch, SNN166681

SA [REDACTED]

Issue: S&W Military and Police, SNC827585
POW: S&W Model 19, SNK3777
POW: S&W Model 66, SN114K743

SA [REDACTED]

Issue: S&W Military and Police, D308731
POW: S&W Model 19, 4-inch, SN124K383
POW: S&W 686, 4-inch, SNAAL1266

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'Devastating day for FBI'

Slain gunmen called vicious, cold-blooded

By Jonathan King

Staff Writer

Ruthlessly violent, vicious and cold-blooded were the terms police used to describe the two men who died in a gunfight in which two FBI agents were killed and five others wounded Friday in south Dade County.

Sought for half a dozen armored car and bank robberies over several months, Michael Platt, 22, and William R. Matix, age unknown, had already left a trail of bodies and blood before they were killed by agents' returned gunfire in the quiet Kendall neighborhood.

All the incidents, including Friday's, bear the same deadly signatures of the now dead subjects: heavy armament that included assault rifles — a Ruger Mini-14 and a Colt AR-15 — as well as shotguns and semi-automatic pistols.

On Jan. 10, Brink's messenger Ernesto Maranje had pulled a hand truck from the back of his armored car on his way to make a pickup at a Barnett Bank at U.S. 1 and 185th Street in south Dade.

As Maranje turned, a man wearing a ski mask stepped out of a nearby car and without warning fired a shotgun blast into Maranje's stomach.

According to witnesses, a second man got out of the car, and, standing over the bleeding courier, fired two more shots into Maranje with an automatic rifle.

The men, thought to have been the same two who were killed Friday, then totally unloaded two duffel bags from the armored car and fled into a Kendall neighborhood only blocks from the scene of Friday's shoot-out.

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United Press International
Authorities stand by FBI car
riddled with bullets.

Suspects

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Maranje miraculously survived his wounds. Police said others confronted by the suspects were not as fortunate.

Metro-Dade detectives working the robbery cases traced the suspects to a west Dade rock pit frequented by target shooters, where police say that with high-powered, rapid-fire weapons used by para-

military groups and survivalists they stalked at least three victims.

On March 12, the two forced a 30-year-old target shooter at the rock pit into the water and then fired four shots into the man before stealing his car and leaving him for dead.

The man survived by playing dead at the water's edge and was able to give police a description of the two. The two men killed by agents Friday morning were driving that man's black Chevrolet

Monte Carlo when were stopped.

The car used in the shooting of Brinks guard Maranje was traced to Emilio Briel, a missing north-west Dade man who was last seen Oct. 5 after telling relatives he was going to the rock pit south of the Tamiami Trail at 157th Avenue for target practice. Police think he was murdered by the same two men.

In addition, the skeleton of another possible victim was recovered in the area of the rock pit March 1.



Staff photo by LOU TORIAN

id. bank robbery, left, after bloodiest gunbattle in the bureau's history Friday.

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2 FBI agents, 2 suspects die in bloody Kendall shoot-out Crowd gripped by 'real' crime dram

CARL HIAASEN

Staff Writer

The color of death was bright yellow. Yellow were the police ribbons that stretched from tree to tree, to keep people away. The ribbons fluttered in the morning breeze, and crisscrossed in gaiety the Kendall neighborhood. Outside the ones, crowds stood and stared. On the inside, men with radios, clipboards and tape measures and cameras moved grimly from one corpse to the next. There were four corpses in all.

Yellow was the color of the plastic sheets that covered the two FBI agents, who lay dead in the shade of a black olive tree. Occasionally the breeze would lift the sheets, and a policeman or federal agent would hurry forward to cloak them again.

The dead killers lay bloody and uncovered.

Incredibly, seven agents had been shot here. It was the bloodiest day in the FBI's history. A federal prosecutor who knew the dead agents watched and wept. He was not alone.

From an elevated parking ramp, reporters, photographers, TV cameramen and dozens of bystanders looked down on the tableau, at the intersection of Southwest 82nd Avenue and 122nd Street. Construction workers drank beer and guessed about how it had happened. A lady shopper with an Instamatic snapped a picture.

It was a bright cloudless day, a day when all the colors of death were vivid.

The broad bloodstain in the middle of the road was

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Dove



Grogan

Two agents died on FB's bloodiest day in history

FBI shooting scene colored by death, curious crowds

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already burgundy, turning to brown in the heat.

A shotgun lay nearby, five empty green shells shining like emeralds on the pavement. A few feet away was a black-barreled pistol and, beyond that, what looked like an automatic rifle.

During the chase, two cars had crunched into a bottle-brush tree, its blossoms crimson; beneath its outer branches were two cream-colored FBI Buicks, one pocked by bullet holes. The brake lights were still on.

Once all this had been noted and absorbed, there was little else to see. The shooting had lasted only minutes. It had been quiet for hours now, and still we stood and watched. The wounded were gone, the dead were silent.

Up the ramp came several Palmetto High School students, some skipping class, others taking an extra-long lunch break. None of them was clowning around, but the distance from the bodies made casual talk an easier thing.

A blond teen-ager in a sleeveless T-shirt watched

for a few minutes, then turned to go. "Death in Miami," he said to some friends. "It's nice to know we live in such a nice city."

Another student, Mark Saymon, asked to borrow a photographer's telephoto lens, to get a closer look. He said this was his third shoot-out scene; the others were a bank holdup and a Farm Store robbery. "Nothing like this," Saymon said. "I can't believe they let that dude lie in the sun."

The dude was dead, of course. He was one of the suspects. Pot-bellied guy with black hair. He lay on his back. His left arm was taped where the paramedics had tried to get some fluids going before giving up; the chubby guy's clothes were soaked with too much blood. A man wearing rubber gloves fished through the dead man's pockets.

What grips onlookers at such times is the proximity of recent death. The danger is past, but the aftermath transfixes.

On television, blazing shoot-outs are followed by commercials. Real-life murder scenes do not dissolve so easily; not in the eye, not in the mind. The color of death is unforgettable.